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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

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UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY/REGION I FIRE

The Department's Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) was officially activated on Wednesday, June 05, 2002, at 1745 hours for a brush fire reported in Saugus. The Copper Incident started at 1440 hours.

The Department's preliminary estimates indicate that 5,600+ acres have burned and there is 15 percent containment. One single-family dwelling, one garage and seven outbuildings have been destroyed. Over 100 homes have been saved on San Francisquito Canyon Road. Ten homes have been evacuated and include a total of 50 people. There have been five (5) minor injuries to firefighters reported with no civilian injuries.

This is a unified command with the Angeles National Forest. Due to the fact that State Responsibility Area (SRA) is involved, the California Department of Forestry (CDF) has an agency representative on scene. Approximately thirty percent of the fire is in the County jurisdiction with the remaining percentage within the Angeles National Forest. The ECC was deactivated at 0000 hours June 6, 2002. At that time, the Angeles National Forest activated its expanded dispatch, and responsibility was transferred to them.

The following is an update of the fire:

Personnel	Number of Engines		<u>Total</u>	Cost Estimate
	<u>LACoFD</u>	<u>Other Agencies</u>		
630	31	50	81	\$1,180,110.00

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The National Weather forecast for Thursday, June 6, 2002, is continued warm weather, low humidity and mild/moderate winds through Saturday, June 8, 2002. Due to the continued weather patterns, the Department is providing the additional staffing for Thursday, June 6, 2002, as follows:

- Pre-designated staff for ECC
- Resource Staffing: water tenders, patrols, dozers, one engine strike team (5 engine companies and a battalion chief).
- All Department drills have been cancelled so personnel are readily available for emergency responses.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Acting Assistant Chief Dave Stone at (323) 881-2472.

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